



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6035

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSET TEST USED TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-191 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (c) To be eligible for cash assistance under the program, a person
5 shall (1) be (A) eighteen years of age or older; (B) a minor found by a
6 court to be emancipated pursuant to section 46b-150; (C) under
7 eighteen years of age and a member of a family eligible for cash or
8 medical assistance under the program; or (D) under eighteen years of
9 age and the commissioner determines good cause for such person's
10 eligibility, and (2) not have assets exceeding [two hundred fifty] one
11 thousand dollars. No person who is a substance abuser and refuses or
12 fails to enter available, appropriate treatment shall be eligible for cash
13 assistance under the program until such person enters treatment. No
14 person whose benefits from the temporary family assistance program
15 have terminated as a result of time-limited benefits or for compliance

16 with a program requirement shall be eligible for cash assistance under
17 the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	17b-191(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the availability of a safety net for individuals who lose state-administered general assistance benefits by increasing the asset test used to determine eligibility for the program from two hundred fifty dollars to one thousand dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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